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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Stephen B. Maguire

For (title): VACUUM LOADING SYSTEM

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a divisional application.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

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44 Pages of Specification  
7 Pages of Claims  
14 Sheets of Drawings -- Formal

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

1 Page of abstract

**3. Declaration or Oath**

Not Enclosed.

**4. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

**5. Language**

English

**6. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)**

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	24	- 20 =	4 x	\$18.00	\$72.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	- 3 =	1 x	\$80.00	\$80.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$270.00	\$0.00

Filing Fee Calculation

\$862.00

**7. Small Entity Statement(s)**

Status as small entity was claimed in prior application 09/597,502, filed on June 20, 2000, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120, and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above)

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**8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

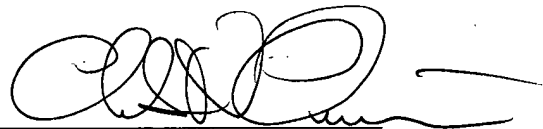
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